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FOR

**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Application No.	09/556,567
Filing Date	April 24, 2000
First Named Inventor	Louis J. Giliberto
Group Art Unit	2143
Examiner Name	George C. Neurauter
Attorney Docket No	204843

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on January 28, 2004.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on  
iii.  Other:

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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- iv.  Form PTO-1449  
v.  Copies of References listed in Form PTO-1449  
(except for U.S. patents and applications)  
vi.  Other:

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)  
b.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27  
c.  Other:

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

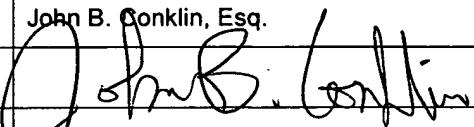
- a.  Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.

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| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee of \$770.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)   | \$ 770.00 |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> One-month extension of time fee of \$110.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)  |           |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for an extension of time for the period noted above, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee. |           |
| iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i))  |           |
| v. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:  |           |

**Total amount to be charged to Deposit Account** \$ 770.00

- b.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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